

CIITS Fact Sheet

- The Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System, or CIITS, is a multi-phase, multi-year project designed by the <u>Kentucky Department of Education</u> and vendor <u>Schoolnet</u> as a "one-stop shop" to provide Kentucky teachers with the 21st-century resources they need for highly effective teaching and learning in their classrooms.
- 2. CIITS is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week, through any Internet-connected computer configured with a modern browser.
- CIITS version 1.0 rolls opens to all Kentucky public school educators on August 1, in time for the start of the 2011-12 school year and the implementation of the new Kentucky Core Academic Standards.
- 4. Included in CIITS version 1.0 are: the *Kentucky Core Academic Standards* in English/language arts and mathematics, the Kentucky Content Leadership Networks' deconstruction of these standards into learning targets (E/LA deconstructions, mathematics deconstructions), and hundreds of aligned, high-quality, multi-media instructional resources from Discovery Education.
- 5. Standards and materials are searchable in multiple ways.

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- 6. During the course of the 2011-12 school year KDE will be expanding the CIITS database to include the <u>Program of Studies</u> and <u>Core Content for Assessment 4.1</u> (science, social studies, arts and humanities, practical living/career studies, writing) <u>Kentucky technology standards</u>, <u>Kentucky Standard for World Language Proficiency</u>, <u>ACT QualityCore</u> (<u>English II</u>, <u>Algebra II</u>, <u>Biology</u>, <u>U.S. History</u>), <u>Early Childhood Standards</u>, <u>AASL Library Media Standards</u>, <u>ISTE National Educational Technology Standards (NETS)</u>, and aligned and linked high-quality instructional resources from leading content providers.
- 7. CITS will also be the repository for Kentucky <u>Leadership Network</u> deliverables (such as lesson plans and instructional units, formative assessment lessons), writing sample resources and the <u>Model Curriculum Framework</u>.
- 8. Current plans call for expanded data and functionality to be added to CIITS in later phases.

 This will make the system more interactive and will include student level data (once secure individual logins are established), individual assessment data, formative assessments (pending funding), teacher and principal effectiveness information (pending funding) and school and district improvement planning software (pending funding).
- The <u>Unbridled Learning</u> logo has been included as a part of CIITS to reinforce the Kentucky
 Department of Education's commitment to College/Career Readiness for All and the
 implementation of <u>Senate Bill 1</u> (2009) legislative mandates including new academic
 standards.

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